

LITHUANIA HONORING NEW MARTYR

MOSCOW (AP) — Lithuanians prepared a hero's farewell yesterday for a countryman who burned himself to death in Moscow last week to protest the Kremlin's opposition to Lithuanian independence, residents said.

Meanwhile, it remained unclear last night whether Moscow would ease its economic blockade of the breakaway Baltic republic, as reported over the weekend.

Official Vilnius Radio said Sunday the Soviet Union was increasing natural-gas supplies to a large fertilizer plant at Jonova, but officials later said no additional supply had been received.

In a bid to pressure Lithuania, the Soviet Union has shut off all oil supplies and cut shipments of

many manufactured goods, raw materials and food items. Natural gas was reduced to about 16 percent of normal deliveries.

As Soviets began celebrating the May Day holiday, there appeared little movement toward settling the dispute over Lithuania's March 11 declaration of independence.

The body of Stanislovas Jamaitis, 52, was flown to Vilnius from Moscow yesterday, and he was mourned in an evening gathering and religious service on Cathedral Square, said Lithua-

nian journalist Vilius Kavaliauskas.

Jamaitis died Thursday of burns he received when he doused himself with gasoline and set fire to himself in front of Moscow's Bolshoi Theater. The theater is located in downtown Moscow near the Kremlin and Red Square.

In the text of Jamaitis' suicide note, released in Lithuania Friday, he said: "Lithuanians will not live in a Lithuania that is not independent."